

Van Meter News

September 2015

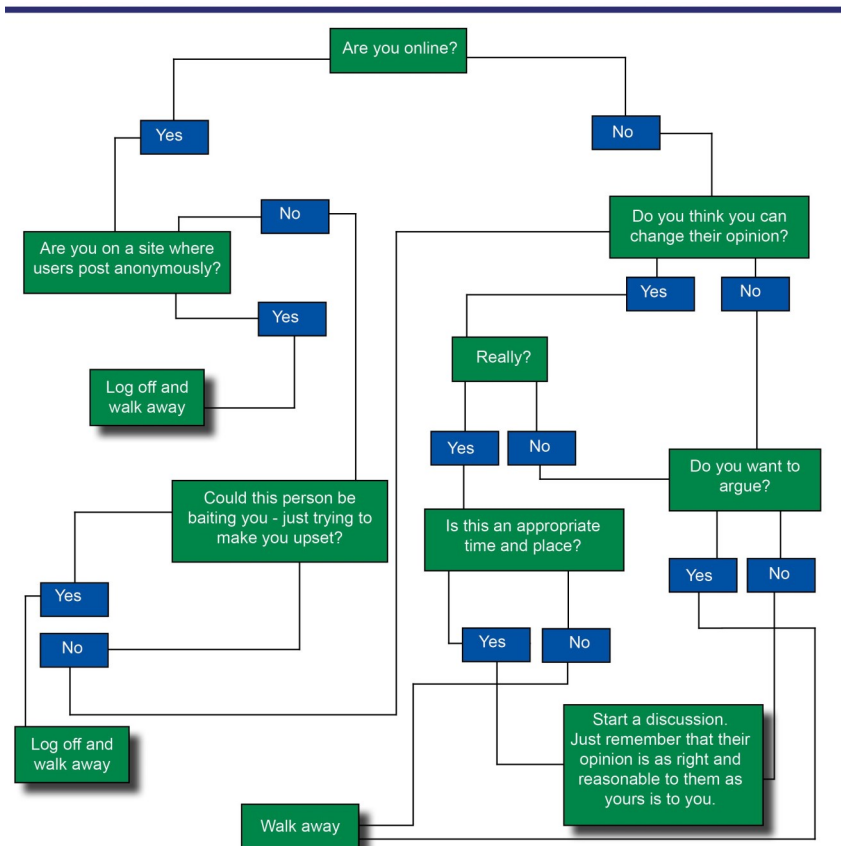
SHOW SOME RESPECT IOWA

Last month we published information comparing customers and citizens. We asked you to think of yourself as a Citizen rather than a Customer and to work with us to solve problems because we are, all of us, neighbors and each partially responsible for the quality of our community.

As part of our ongoing support of the Show Some Respect Iowa Campaign for improving civility, please consider this flow chart for being respectful in situations both online and off.

Hotbutton Issues

Someone has just challenged your viewpoint on a sensitive issue.
Get out of the situation without losing your cool.



**SHOW SOME
RESPECT**

Our elected officials and city staff have signed the pledge to show some respect and you can too by visiting <http://showsomerespectiowa.org/>.

Elected Officials:
Mayor-Allan Adams

Council:
-Bob Lacy, Mayor Pro Tem

-Mike Peterson

-Kim Sacker

-Owen Stump

-Beth Tweed

City Staff:
Jake Anderson-
City Administrator
515-996-2644

Liz Thompson-Clerk
515-996-2644

Dave Herman-Public Works
515-996-2644

Chad Gillespie-
Public Works
515-996-2644

Alex Brayton -
Parks & Rec Coordinator
515-996-2644

Dorothy Knight-Librarian
515-996-2435

Bill Daggett-
Chief of Police
515-202-4154

Jon Bruen-Fire Chief

Dallas County
Non-emergency -
515-993-4567

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RADAR SPEED SIGN TO BE PLACED ON HAZEL STREET

The police department will be ordering a RADAR speed sign and installing it on Hazel Street. The solar powered sign comes equipped with the technology to track information such as speed and the number of vehicles travelling on the street.

This sign is made possible through assistance from the Dallas County Sheriff's Department.

Police Chief Daggett intends to seek funding for additional signs through grants.

The second patrol vehicle will be utilized to do spot enforcement and remind drivers to slow down.









CAR DESIGN

The second patrol vehicle has a new look featuring designs and application by Chestnut Signs.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



PHONE NUMBERS

Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police: Bill Daggett—(515) 202-4154

Dallas County Dispatch—
(515) 993-4567

Emergency—911

Fire Chief: Jon Bruen—
(515) 996-9253

The Van Meter Department Fire Department is actively recruiting community members to help us protect the community. **Join our team!**

PARKS AND REC



Van Meter Parks and Recreation, Public Safety, and the Library held a three day camp for elementary aged children August 17 – 19. The kids learned about fire, home alone, and bike safety while also enjoying some arts & crafts and fun games. A chance to sit in in a fire truck and the creation of their own puzzles were among the highlights during the rainy week. Look for more opportunities for youth recreation in the future!



Van Meter
tradition with a vision
Parks & Recreation

Imagine If Trees Gave Off
Wifi Signals, We Would
Be Planting So Many Trees
And We'd Probably Save
The Planet Too.



Too Bad They
Only Produce The
Oxygen We
Breathe.


Metro Waste Authority

Trees Please! Grant

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY'S TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Annually the City of Van Meter applies for a tree-planting grant through MidAmerican Energy's "Trees Please!" program.

The Van Meter Parks and Recreation Board coordinates the purchasing and planting of the trees. This year trees will be planted to replace some that have died and create new shade in parks that don't currently have it.

Hours

Monday : 9—5 PM
Tuesday : 12—8 PM
Wednesday : 9—5 PM
Thursday : 12—8 PM
Friday : 9—5 PM
Saturday : 9—12 PM



New in the Library

Movies

- American Sniper
- Insurgent
- Serena



Teen Fiction

- Dove Arising
- Angelfall
- Talon
- Strike
- Hold Me Closer
- The Truth Commission
- Me, Earl, & the Dying Girl
- The Last Leaves Falling
- The Replaced



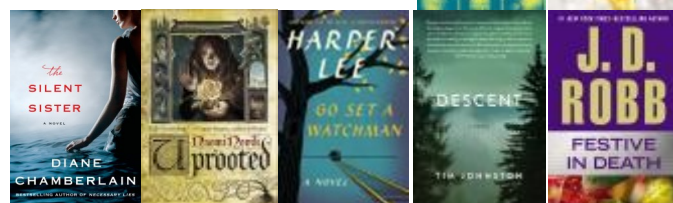
Junior Fiction

- Backyardigans
- Meet Unikitty
- Batman's Missions
- The Big Battle
- Hello Olaf
- How to Babysit a Grandma
- Sisters



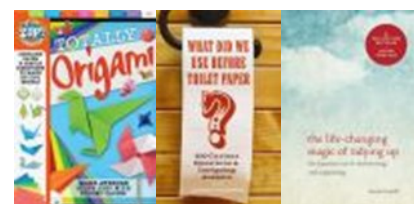
Adult Fiction

- Grey
- Naked Greed
- Remember Me This Way
- Dirty Chick
- Blue Heaven
- Speaking in Bones
- The Burning Room
- The Silent Sister
- Uprooted
- Go Set a Watchman
- Descent
- Festive in Death



Non-Fiction

- Totally Origami
- What Did We Use Before Toilet Paper?
- The Life-changing Magic of Tidyng Up

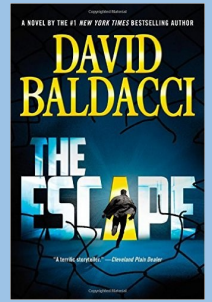


Want to place one of these items on hold? Just call the library, or visit our online catalog to reserve your copy today!

505 Grant Street, Van Meter, IA 50261 | (515) 996-2435 | vanmeteria.gov/library

Book Corner

"The Escape" by David Baldacci



In this third installment of the John Puller series, Robert (John's older brother) was convicted of treason and national security crimes, and now his inexplicable escape from prison makes him the most wanted criminal in the country. Quickly Puller discovers that his brother is pursued by others who don't want him to survive. Puller is in turn pushed into an uneasy, fraught partnership with another agent, who may have an agenda of her own.

They dig more deeply into the case together, and Puller finds that not only

Summer Reading

Sponsor Spotlight



The Van Meter Public Library would like to give a big Thank You to all of our summer reading sponsors. These sponsors made possible prizes and programming for summer reading. We couldn't have done it without you!

The Blank Park Zoo - Donation: Day Zoo Passes and 1 Year Family Pass to the Zoo.

Friends of the Van Meter Public Library - Donations: 1 Year Family Pass to the Science Center, Android Tablet, & Xtreme Xplosives Headphones.

I-Cubs - Donation: I-Cubs tickets

Warrior Lanes - Donation: Free Bowling Passes

Dallas County Library Association - Donation: New Books

Gene Gabus - Donation: Kindle Fire

Allan Adams - Donation: Kindle Fire

Rachel Backstrom - Donation: Movie gift packs

Daniel & Linda Duarte - Donations: Sign-up prizes and check-in prizes

Serena Knight - Donations: Sign-up prizes and check-in prizes

Michael Houston - Donations: Gift Cards to Casey's and Barnes & Noble

Want to be a Summer Reading Sponsor? Contact the Library to find out how!

Dallas County Reads 1 Book



Join us September 17th for the annual Dallas County Reads 1 Book – "Blue Heaven" and meet author C.J. Box!

The FREE Author Talk with C.J. Box will be held in the Perry Performing Arts Center at 7:00 PM.

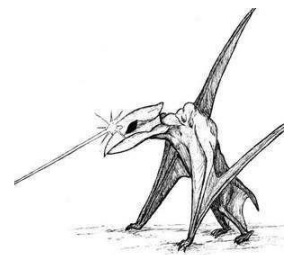
A 'Read and Meet' will be held prior to the Author Talk in the Hotel Pattee at 5:30 PM, where hors d'oeuvres & refreshments will be served. Tickets for this portion of the event are just \$12.00 and can be purchased at the Van Meter Public Library or any participating Dallas County Library.

Van Meter Visitor Festival

Mark your calendars!

This year's annual Visitor Festival will take place Saturday, September 26th, from 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM. There will be Author Talks, Walking Tours, Food, Vendors, and more! Join us for a spooky adventure you won't forget!

Contact the Library for more information.



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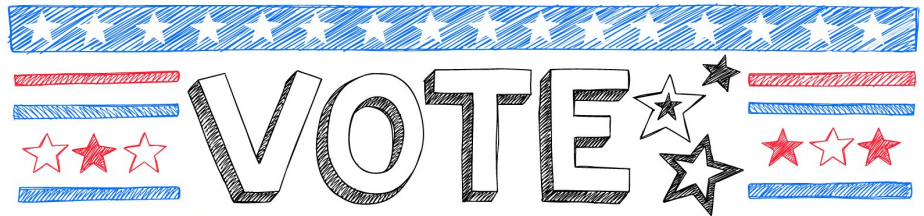
310 Mill Street

PO Box 160

Van Meter, IA 50261

Phone: 515-996-2644

Email: info@vanmeteria.gov



Attention Van Meter Voters

POLLING LOCATION: Van Meter American Legion
910 Main Street
Van Meter

IMPORTANT DATES

September 8th: School Board Election

November 3rd: 2015 Regular City Election

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Will be one day late due to the
Labor Day holiday.

Tuesday, September 8TH.

City offices will be closed

Monday, September 7TH—

Please leave any messages or payments
in the mail slot in the front door.

Waste Connections Inc.

515-265-7374

Recycling Schedule

September 7 and 21

October 5 and 19

November 2, 16 and 30

December 14 and 28

LEAVES AND YARD WASTE

The leaves will soon be falling as Autumn approaches, thus the endless raking begins.

Yard waste will be collected the same day as your trash. Waste Connections allows unlimited bags of yard waste as long as they are in the biodegradable compost/yard waste bags less than 50 lbs. **DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS!**

Twigs and small branches may be in securely tied bundles no more than 4 feet in length or wider than 18 inches in diameter.

Yard waste collections will run April 1st through November 30th each year.



Visit our website at www.vanmeteria.gov